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16. SUMMARY: (U) REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION ON 7 MAY 77 ATTACK ON RADM CESAR AUGUSTO GUZZETTI, ARA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.
22. DETAILS: ~~(C)~~ Sec 3.3(b)(1) B1 sec 1.4c
STATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER STILL IS IN VERY GRAVE CONDITION. HE FURTHER SAID THAT GUZZETTI'S STATUS IS STABLE AND ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT HE WILL LIVE. TWO FRAGMENTS OF THE BULLET WERE SURGICALLY REMOVED FROM THE HEAD; HOWEVER, ONE FRAGMENT IS STILL IMBEDDED. OTHER REPORTS HAVE SAID THAT THE ADMIRAL IS EXPERIENCING SOME PARALYSIS AND SPEECH DIFFICULTIES BUT SOURCE SAID THAT THE EXTENT OF BRAIN DAMAGE HAS NOT BEEN FULLY DETERMINED. COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ IT APPEARS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT ADM GUZZETTI WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY JOB. BRIGADIER KLIX (DEFENSE MINISTER) IS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AT PRESENT. THE NAVY WANTS TO RETAIN THE POSITION AS A NAVY ONE AND THE NAMES OF ADMIRAL OSCAR MONTES, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, NAVY STAFF, OR ADM ANTONIO VANEK, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS HAVE APPEARED AS POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS. ANOTHER SOURCE STATED TO AARMA THAT PICTURES OF GUZZETTI IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE WAS SHOT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY THE MONTONEROS TO CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA.
THIS MSG COORD W/AMEMB.
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